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JOHNSTON LETTER.

W. C. T. U. Met. Lee's Birthday Celebrated. Medical Society Held Meeting. Leap Year Party.

The W. C. T. U. met on Friday afternoon with Mrs. J. L. Walker and a very instructive meeting was held, and the arranged program for this month was followed, the subject being anti-narcotics. Previous to the program, Mrs. Kenny, president, conducted a business session and several matters were discussed, and the superintendents in their report seemed to be doing active work. The flower mission which is a beautiful one, is bringing much comfort and cheer. Mrs. O. D. Black superintendent, had carried 15 bouquets to the sick and shut-ins, and Mrs. James White, superintendent of L. T. L., had an excellent report. The leaders for the afternoon was Mrs. A. P. Lott and with the suggested subject she had a very interesting and instructive meeting. "Anti-narcotic law," Mrs. T. R. Denny; "Lesson from real life," Mrs. Olin Eidson; "What have I seen of cigarettes," Mrs. J. A. Lott; "Blood poison," Mrs. J. L. Walker; "A lesson to learn," Mrs. O. D. Black. Several bright songs were sung. After the meeting the hostess assisted by her daughter, Miss Mary Walker, served banana cream and silver cake. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Hattie Parish.

There was a public celebration of Gen. Robert E. Lee's birthday on Wednesday the 19th, the occasion being in the school auditorium, and there was a good attendance, all wanting to pay tribute to this the south's greatest chieftain. The exercises began at 11:30 and the feature was an address on "Robert E. Lee," by Rev. W. T. Hundley. The choral class of the school sang patriotic songs and they made a pretty picture with the setting of the Confederate flags. The exercises closed with "Bonnie blue flag," by the D. of C., the school was given the remainder of the period in holiday.

The medical association of this district met here on Tuesday for the quarterly meeting and there was a full attendance, twenty-nine being present. There were representatives from Columbia, Batesburg, Edgefield, Meeting Street, Ridge and Johnston. Dr. G. D. Walker is president of this district. There were many matters brought up for discussion, and an all day affair was had. At the noon hour the body repaired to the home of Mrs. John Wright where dinner was served by the cemetery association. The large table was prettily arranged and the first course was grape fruit. This was followed by a hot turkey dinner with all the tempting accompaniments. Pineapple blancmange with pound and fruit cake, coffee and whipped cream was also served. There was much merriment and pleasures as all were seated at the large table, each doctor for the time being having cast aside that dignified air they all like to wear.

Miss Ida Satcher has gone to Florence to visit her sister, Mrs. Chas. Early.

The annual banquet of the K. of P. will be held on Friday evening and the lodge is making extensive preparation for the affair. There will be 250 present.

Rev. W. T. Hundley is filling the pulpit of the Baptist church during the month of January for the morning service. For the present there will be no evening service.

Mrs. J. A. Dobey and children are at home from a visit to Spartanburg.

The first meeting of the New Century Club for the new year was held on Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. W. E. LaGrone. During the business session plans were made for Reciprocity day February 17, and an invitation will be extended to Mrs. Burney of Columbia, who is a former president of the state federation and one deeply concerned in all features of the club work. Plans were made for the social hygiene meeting, and Dr. Sophia Brunson of St. Matthews who is doing state work and has offered to talk before the club, will be given this opportunity to come. Dr. Brunson was Miss Sophia Boatwright of Ridge. The literary session was in charge of Mrs. P. N. Lott who made a de-

Shower in Honor of Miss Smith.

Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Fannie Tompkins gave a miscellaneous shower in honor of Miss Allene Smith who will this afternoon become the bride of Mr. John Rainford. No occasion of the kind has been given in Edgefield in a long time that had as many pretty and unique features. The blue bird, typifying happiness, predominated in the decorations. The spacious parlor was decorated as a forest scene and blue birds were perched upon the boughs. As the guests arrived they were ushered into the parlor where each appropriated a blue bird upon which was written appropriate greetings.

A "Happiness" contest provided a very pleasant diversion. Each guest was given a card upon which was written a quotation on happiness with one word omitted from the quotation and a prize was offered to the one who supplied the greatest number of missing words. Miss Marion Blalock became the happy possessor of the prize, a beautiful corsage pin.

At the close of the contest the bride-elect was escorted to a large nest that had been arranged in the corner of the parlor as a receptacle for the gifts that were presented by the guests. The removal of these tokens one by one thrilled her with delight and the joy was shared by the score of friends who gathered about her.

The pleasure of the afternoon was heightened by the musical numbers that were rendered, among them being a vocal solo, "In the land of love with the song birds," by Miss Elizabeth Rainford, and a piano solo, "The songs of the birds," by Miss Luri Mims.

Before the guests departed each one wrote an expression of good wishes for the bride-elect in a book provided for that purpose. Here, as in every other feature of the occasion, blue birds were in evidence, being shown on the back of the bride's book of greetings which will always be a priceless possession.

The hostess served a delicious salad course followed by coffee and whipped cream.

lightful leader. The meetings are proving more and more interesting with "women writers," and twice a month the selected group is ready to call, to come in phantom ships and give of their best in study contact. So delightful are these discussions and selections given that at the close of the meeting one really feels that they have been there in person. "Florence Barclay," was told by Mrs. W. F. Scott, and Miss Gladys Sawyer played "The Rosary," this being the title of one of her books; "Lillian Bell," Mrs. James White; "Frances Little and Mollie Seawell," Mrs. H. D. Grant; "Eliza Calvert Hall," Miss Zena Payne. The hostess was assisted by Misses Daisy Brookington and Sue Smith and served a salad course with fragrant coffee and whipped cream.

Dr. McMillan of Beaufort will preach Sunday morning at the Baptist church.

Rev. Malon Padgett has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. L. Smith.

Rev. and Mrs. W. P. B. Kinard, Misses Cecil Kinard and Pearl Coleman, and Mr. Ennet of Greenwood, were recent visitors in the home of Mr. M. T. Turner.

Miss Annie Holmes Harrison entertained with a leap year party on Friday evening and the time spent by the young folks was with much pleasure and merriment. The young gentlemen greatly enjoyed having the young ladies call by for them, and after the arrival, the chief diversion was progressive conversation, the last topic to be a proposal. These were bid for and in this way partners were secured for refreshments. The best proposal according to the judges, was made by Miss Marie Lewis and she was presented with a box of cigars, these she gave to her partner.

Mrs. Jack Connerly of Augusta spent last week here in the home of her father, Mr. George Hubbard. On Friday Mr. Hubbard celebrated his 65th birthday and a spend-the-day party of friends was had.

The union meeting of the Ridge association will meet here on the 15th Sunday.

"UNCLE" IV WRITES.

New Year Reflections. Found Double of W. Pat Park, Family Scattered. Fertilizer Problem.

Dear Old Advertiser:— All my family are off on a visit to-day except myself and one of my boys and I will spend a while chatting with you.

Sometimes I like to be alone yet I know that I am not alone for there is an unseen being near us, it doesn't matter where we are.

On new year's day my mind dwelt mostly back on my boyhood days and, strange to say, yet true, there seemed to be a face and even a voice of one I loved when a boy and as long as he lived. He was my Sunday school teacher before the war and on the 1st Sunday of every new year (it being regular preaching day at the old Calliham's church), he being leader of the singing, would sing a song the words of the first verse being, if my memory serves me right,

"A year again has passed away
Time swiftly speeds along
We come again to praise and pray
And sing our greeting song,
We come with song to greet you
We come, we come with song again."

These may not be the exact words but still I seemed to hear again that deep clear voice of B. M. Talbert and, knowing him as I did, another thought came: Where is he singing now, and what is his song?

The next day being Sunday and I went to the Sunday school and in a conversation with a preacher I told him of the thoughts that had been running through my mind, and his reply was, "Yes, I remember that song very well."

And the preacher, who is pastor of the church we attend, is enough like W. P. Parks of Parkville to be a twin brother and I told him so and he said, "well, I have met several Carolinians who know W. P. Parks and they all say he and I are very much alike." I then asked him if I could call him Brother Pat and he put one hand on my shoulder, said "yes, if you want to." So I call him Brother Pat.

I find a good many people down here that I knew their grandparents and near relatives, so you see I am or do not feel like I am entirely among strangers.

It grieved me to read of J. H. Allen's wife's death, because for some reason I can't help feeling near to them and it must be because I loved their father.

"One by one they pass away
And at no very distant day
We shall see them again.
They only sleep they are not dead."

Oh no, they will live again."

Why do I muse thus I don't know. For the first time in my life since I have had a family, excepting a few years, I have been near enough to all except one (He in Texas) to visit them all in almost a day's time but now we are scattered here and there in Carolina, three in Emanuel county, Ga., two in Columbia county, Ga., five in McDuffie county, Ga., and one in Texas and I find myself wondering why so and the thought comes: I wonder if God isn't just cutting loose the cords that bind me to this earth and makes me look forward to that day when if all are God's children we will be near to each other again never to be parted any more. But I am no preacher and will write of something else.

The farmers around in this section are beginning to turn their land and on every side the question is being asked, how can we expect to make a crop without guano? Well, we must have something to put under our corn and cotton, we might haul the dirt from one part of the field to another, fill up the distributor, hitch the mule and put out the dirt. But, say you, would that pay? Well, I don't know, but from what I can learn, it would pay about as well as hauling dirt from the factory or depot. And besides I understand the guano men say they will not sell except for cash, and pray tell me how many or what percent of the farmers have the cash and if they had would it pay to buy the low grade fertilizers that will be put on the market. Better plow more and do without.

We are having summer and win-

LOCATED AT ST. GEORGE.

Rev. and Mrs. G. M. Sexton Very Warmly Welcomed in New Field. Send Greetings to Edgefield Friends.

To each and every one we send very cordial greetings, and we gratefully remember every courtesy shown us while we lived in your midst.

The names and faces of those who stood so faithfully by us in the service of the Master's cause are and ever shall be fresh in our memory.

On telling friends good-bye we felt quite sure that some of them we would never see again, but were surprised and saddened to receive the intelligence, so soon, that one of our dear friends, a member of Plum Branch Baptist church, a noble Christian woman, Mrs. M. A. Blackwell, had passed into the sweet beyond. How we do feel for the loved ones, and assure them of our prayers and sympathy.

We are now living in the county seat town of Dorchester. St. George has the "snap" and "go" of a little city. She has a splendid electric system of lighting the town. Also, one of the best schools in the State for primary and academic work, and a good school of music, two strong banks, a first-class cotton market and an average good market for almost any commodity—a very pretty town of twelve hundred people.

We count ourselves quite fortunate to be able to cast our lot among so noble a people. We are very pleasantly located, living in a nice, new six-room parsonage, on a shaded lot joining the church lot, on which sits a splendid wooden building which has recently undergone some repairs in the interior.

The people received us very courteously, meeting us at the train on our touring car, bearing us away, as we were met by some representative men and women of the church. After meeting us they left us immediately. We discovered, on going into the parsonage, that on the dining table was a well prepared supper and quite a number of things in the grocery line for the pantry.

About one week later some of the members of the country churches came bringing, others sending, a veritable load of good things to eat, so that for a long time we shall not have to visit the groceryman.

Our car was unloaded and furniture placed in the parsonage before our arrival.

One gratifying thing is, that these people are thoroughly loyal to their church and denomination, and above all, noble Christians, possessing, to a large degree, the spirit of self sacrifice.

So being already assured of the heartiest co-operation and feeling divinely led, we, with buoyant hope, enter upon the work of our new field.

We solicit the earnest prayers of our Christian friends back at "old home," and give them a hearty invitation to visit the "manse" of St. George, if ever you would like to come toward the coast.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Sexton.
St. George, S. C.

ter weather all mixed up down here some days (like to-day) you almost freeze sitting by the fire and other days it is too warm to wear a coat.

The small grain, both wheat and oats, is looking well and some who did not finish before Christmas were sowing last week. Nearly every farmer in this section has corn to sell. My nearest neighbor has 100 bushels for sale and he only worked a horse and a half farm last year and still has some of his cotton on hand and I understand some money in the bank. Everybody works down here even the old man.

Uncle Iv.
Harlera, Ga.

She was rather a nervous old lady, and fearful of being robbed of her purse, kept it in a pocket of her undershirt. Taking a cab, she, at the end of the journey, began searching as ladies do, for the carefully concealed pocket. The cabby, misconstruing her movement, looked on grimly.

"Well, mum, he broke in, when you've done a scratching, me fare's eighteen pence."—Tit Bits.

Special to Edgefield Advertiser.

Batesburg, Jan. 17.—Announcement was made here this week of the engagement of Miss Mamie Louise Cato of Monetta, S. C., to Mr. Chester M. Swearingen of Trenton, S. C., the marriage to take place in early Spring. The announcement came as a surprise as well as with cordial interest to the many friends of the young couple throughout the State.

The bride is a popular young woman possessing rare personal beauty with a brilliant, sparkling mind and a fascinating manner that attracts instantly all who meet her. She has visited here frequently and has made many friends, all of whom will wish her much happiness.

Miss Cato is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Cato, and Mr. Swearingen is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Swearingen of Trenton, S. C., and is a successful and prosperous young man, well known and highly regarded in the business world as he is in the social.

The marriage will be one of the interesting events of the early spring and will be attended by a number of good wishes from this place.

First Game of The New Series.

The card club was entertained by Miss Virginia Addison Saturday afternoon, this being the first game under the new series of games. Miss Addison's guests were not confined to the members of the club but other friends were invited. Six tables were arranged. At the meeting of the club Saturday the following officers were elected: Mrs. Bettis Cantelon, president; Miss Virginia Addison, secretary, and Mrs. A. H. Corley, treasurer. The score was not announced at the close of the game. A record of each game will be kept by the secretary and when the series is half completed the score will be announced and prizes presented to the two making the highest record. Miss Addison's decorations were pink and white, a profusion of pot plants and cut flowers being used in the decoration of the parlor and large dining table. At the close of the game the hostess invited the guests into the dining room and served a hot lunch.

Two Kinds of Farmers.

Why is it that so often farmer's living side by side on farms of equal size and fertility get such different results? Evidently the reason must be found mostly in the men themselves. One man takes in agricultural papers, keeps posted on farming, plans for the future, keeps his land in fine condition and farms scientifically. Another man neglects these things, loaf about in town instead of attending to his work, and fails in good repair. One man finds farming pays and is happy; the other says there is no money in farming and is in a chronic state of discouragement.—Orangeburg Times.

Take Care of Ewes.

The winter care of the flock is important to insure a lamb crop to be harvested in the spring. Ewes in good condition need not be fed grain until about a month before lambing, when they should gradually be accustomed to it. Ewes in thin or poor condition should receive from one-fourth to one-half pound of grain daily. Corn alone is not the best grain ration. A ration of 6 parts corn, 3 parts wheat bran, and 1 part linseed oil cake, by weight, has proven very satisfactory. A ration of corn, oats, and bran, equal parts by weight, can also be recommended.

The sheep should receive as much clover or alfalfa hay as they will eat. The amount of hay eaten can be cut down by the use of corn silage or corn stover. Two pounds clean, sweet corn silage can be used to replace about one pound of hay. Well cured corn stover is also relished by the ewes. Ordinarily, there is little danger of the sheep eating too much of it, if the hay is fed once a day. The greatest danger of corn stover comes from making it the exclusive feed. Clean salt and water should be kept before the flock. Sheep should always have a dry, well bedded floor to lie on.—Ohio State Bulletin.

TRENTON LETTER.

The Happy Four Club. Mrs. J. D. Mathis Entertained. Inspiring Sermon by Bishop Guerry.

Mrs. J. W. Bryan gave a beautiful dinner on Wednesday in compliment to Miss Fannie Harrison from Washington and Mrs. Joseph Ripley from Albany.

Mr. P. B. Day, Sr., made a business trip to Charleston during the past week.

Mrs. Leila Leppard from Columbia who has been visiting relatives in Valdosta, Ga., has stopped by on her homeward return to visit friends and relatives here.

Mrs. Rudolph Swearingen has returned from a visit to her sister in Modoc.

The Happy Four is the name of a club which has its meetings twice each week, bridge being the form of entertainment. At each meeting delightful refreshments are served. These scientific players are Mrs. Willie Millie, Mrs. F. P. Bryan, Mrs. S. A. Morrill and Mrs. Wallace Wise. On Tuesday evening of this week these ladies gave a much enjoyed oyster supper at Mrs. Miller's, the husbands being the honored guests. As the gentlemen were not so skilled in bridge as the ladies, a regular old-fashioned set back game was the happy diversion.

Bishop Guerry preached a very impressive sermon in the Church of Our Saviour on Sunday morning from the text "If you love me keep my commandments." A large and appreciative congregation greeted the bishop. During his visit he was the honored guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mathis. Invited to dine with him on Sunday were Rev. and Mrs. Shannonhouse, Mr. Joseph Ripley, Mrs. Wallace Wise, Mrs. J. R. Moss, Mrs. W. H. Moss, Miss Maud Moore, Mr. P. B. Day, Sr., Mr. P. B. Day, Jr., Mr. Vaughn.

Mrs. Emma Hord and Mrs. James Long have gone to Crescent City, Fla., to visit relatives.

The next meeting of the D. A. R. will be with Miss Orrie Miller on Thursday afternoon the 20th.

Mrs. J. D. Mathis entertained a few friends informally on Monday evening complimentary to Miss Allene Smith the lovely little bride elect of Edgefield. White japonicas and white narcissi, were used exclusively for decorations, these flowers being suggestive of the purity of the bride.

Mrs. A. C. Penn who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. M. Leppard in Columbia has come to spend the remainder of the winter with Mrs. F. P. Bryan.

Union Meeting.

The union meeting of the 2nd division of the Edgefield association will meet with Republican Baptist church the 29th and 30th of Jan.

Saturday a. m., devotional services by the pastor. Report of delegates and organization. Discussion of subjects.

1st. The expected benefits to be derived by delegates and others from their attendance of the layman's convention to be held in Columbia on the first Feb. next. C. J. Truluck, W. J. Gaines.

2nd. A derived plan for a contribution from each individual member of the church for the support of church. H. L. Bunch, J. D. Hughey, Martin Medlock.

3rd. How to awaken a deeper interest in the Lay members of the church in missions. Walter Carpenter, S. B. Mays.

4th. What effect should the length of time be that Baptist preached has preached at a church have on his or the church, decision about serving his connection as pastor. Speakers on four subjects. L. R. Brunson, W. J. Gaines, G. L. Wright.

Sunday a. m., devotional conducted by J. D. Hughey. Missionary sermon and afternoon service to be provided for.

P. B. Lanham.
For Committee.

Father—Upon my word, you children are getting too dainty for anything. Why, when I was your age I was glad to get enough dry bread to eat.

Robert—You have a much better time living with us, don't you, father?—Answers.